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| Application No.: 10/715,118 |) | Group Art Unit: 2814 |
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| Filed: November 18, 2003 |) | Examiner: Shrinivas H. Rao |
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| For: BACK ILLUMINATED |) | |
| PHOTODIODE ARRAY, |) | |
| MANUFACTURING METHOD AND) |) | |
| SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE |) | |
| THEREOF |) | |

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response to which extends through September 9, 2007, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal.